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<u>Amendments t the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web comprising a plurality of long fibres in the x- and y-directions of average length greater than 5mm and a plurality of shorter short fibres of average length less than 3mm wherein at least a proportion of the shorter short fibres are orientated in the z-direction, and wherein the plurality of shorter short fibres is at least 20% and no more than 70% of the total weight of fibres, and wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm³ to 0.35g/cm³.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web comprising up to and including 80% by weight of long fibres in the x- and y-directions of average length greater than 5mm, and from 20%-or more to 70% by weight of shorter short fibres of average length less than 3mm wherein at least a proportion of the shorter short fibres are orientated in the z-direction, and wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm³ to 0.35g/cm³.
  - 3. (Canceled)
  - 4. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the longer long fibres have a maximum average length of 50mm.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 5 wherein the long fibres are of average length of 5mm to 30mm.
- (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the shorter short fibres are of average length less than 2mm.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A non-woven web according to claim 7 wherein the shorter short fibres are of average length less than 1mm.

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9. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the shorter short fibres have an average minimum length of  $50\mu m$ .

- 10. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the longer long fibres and shorter short fibres are independently selected from the group consisting of carbon, glass, silica, polymer, metal and ceramic fibres.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 10 wherein the longer long fibres and shorter short fibres are carbon.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A non-woven fibre web according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the density of the non-woven fibre web is from 0.1g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 0.2g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
  - 13. 25. (Withdrawn)